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[1](#)1. (SBU) On September 4, 2007, poloff raised reftel A points with Mr. Alle Dorhout, Chief of the Horn of Africa and West Africa Division at the MFA's Sub-Saharan Africa Department. Dorhout, on his second day on the job, expressed cautious interest in the proposed Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Partners' Forum (IPF) ministerial. He promised a more official reaction after consulting with his staff. He noted that his boss, Dr. Wepke Kingma, was habitually skeptical of additional conferences and ministerials without results (reftel B).

[1](#)2. (SBU) Subsequently, Mr. Huub Buise, who works for Doorhout and covers the Horn of Africa, agreed that it would be a worthwhile message to reaffirm the importance of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement at the same time that we are trying to solve the Darfur crisis. However, a "ministerial without ministers" would be harmful, so the timing / location of the meeting is a key issue to ensure appropriate participation. Buise and Alle wondered about how this meeting might fit in with UN General Assembly schedule and the September 21 Sudan meeting.

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